



GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of July 21, 2021 Meeting
6:30PM

Meeting convened at 6:35 PM.

Present:

Cynthia LaPierre, Jewett
Jean Horn, New Baltimore
Elizabeth Hansen, Cairo
Robert VanValkenburg, Coxsackie V
Kiley Thompson, Durham
Orloff Bear, Greenville
Jim Dymond, Prattsville
Eva Atwood, Catskill T
Mitchell Smith, Catskill V.
Nancy Poylo, Athens V.
Anthony Paluch, Athens T

Absent:

Lee McGunnigle, Tannersville V
Doug Senterman, Hunter T.
Thomas Poelker, Windham
Bruce Haeussler, Coxsackie T
Carl Giangrande, Hunter V
Jennifer Cawein, Lexington

Also in attendance:

Rich Schiafo, Greene County Dept of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning

1. Roll Call

There is a quorum of members – see above.

First in-person meeting since early 2020, with a few new Board members, so Board members reintroduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Robert VanValkenburg

Second: Jim Dymond

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

3. Planning Department Reports

Karl Heck, Director of Economic Development and Planning, and Executive Director, Greene County Economic Development Corporation has retired from Greene County and has taken a new position with an economic development agency in Virginia.

Nominations are being sought for Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards.

Nomination information has been distributed to County Legislators, local officials and the media. Nominations will be accepted through September 10, 2021. An on-line form as a fillable PDF is available on the County web site at:

<https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/planning-and-economic-development/greene-county-planning-board/ellen-rettus-planning-achievement-awards>

4. Business Items

5. Education and Training Opportunities

Training opportunities are limited for the remainder of the summer. Both DOS and the Hudson River Estuary program trainings are taking a break until the fall. Recorded on-line trainings are available at:

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Economic Development,
Tourism & Planning**

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Warren Hart
Director



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NYS DOS Online Interactive Courses and Recorded Webinars

<https://dos.ny.gov/training-assistance>

Hudson River Estuary Conservation and Land Use Webinar Series

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/120539.html>

New York Planning Federation Recorded Webinars

<https://nypf.org/services/>

Reminder to submit record of trainings to Rich .

Grant Funding

Round XI of the Regional Economic Development Council

The 2021 funding round includes more than \$750 million

Grant Opportunities

CFA (Deadlines July 30, 2021)

In addition to economic development initiatives, eligible project types include:

- wastewater treatment improvement,
- non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement and control,
- land acquisition for source water protection,
- salt storage,
- aquatic habitat connectivity restoration,
- floodplain or wetland restoration to increase climate resilience,
- natural resources inventory (NRI),
- smart growth comprehensive planning,
- local waterfront revitalization program,
- Increasing natural resiliency to the effects of climate change,
- Reducing future flood-risk, including by relocating or retrofitting critical infrastructure,
- Rightsizing culverts and bridges,
- Reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT),
- Facilitating food scraps recycling at municipal facilities

CFA Resources can be found at <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

Hudson River Valley Greenway - Greenway Planning and Trails Grants Programs

- ***Greenway Planning Grants*** are open to municipalities that have adopted a local board resolution to become a designated “Greenway Community” and who do not have a currently open grant in this program.
- ***Greenway Compact Grants*** are open to municipalities that have adopted an approved Greenway Compact Plan and who do not have a currently open grant in this program.
- ***Greenway Trail Grants*** are open to municipalities and not-for-profit corporations and who do not have a currently open grant in this program.

Due Dates: Grant applications for all three programs are due on these dates in 2021: **May 7, Sep 10, & Nov 8.**

Applications, Guidelines, and Scoring Criteria may be found here:

<https://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding>. The applications have been updated from previous years and no older applications will be accepted.

Questions may be directed to grants@hudsongreenway.ny.gov

6. Planning and Zoning Referrals

21-39: Village of Hunter

Description: The Village of Hunter Planning Board is reviewing a Site Plan Application for replacement of existing 40kW Outdoor Generator Module (diesel emergency generator) with a sound attenuated enclosure and associated above ground 330-gallon working capacity belly tank with a new 60kW Outdoor Generator Module (diesel emergency generator) with a sound attenuated enclosure and with associated above ground 450-gal belly tank at same exterior location, which is behind the building, within the parking lot of the property. Existing concrete pad will be replaced with new concrete pad. No underground fuel oil piping is required. Portable generator will be used on-site during project.

Location/Address: 7941 Main Street, Hunter

Parcel ID: 164.06-1-22

Type of Referral: Site Plan Review

Referring Agency: Village of Hunter Planning Board

Reason for Referral: NYS Route 23A ROW

Acreage: .24

Zoning: Village Business District

Agricultural District: No

Date of Initial Submittal: 6/21/21

Date Referral Complete: 6/21/21

Recommendation: No County Impact, Local Decision

Motion: Local Decision with comments

Motion: Jim Dymond

Second: Cyndi LaPierre

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

21-40: Town of Catskill

Description: The Town of Catskill Planning Board is reviewing a Site Plan for T & T Auto Sales to put up to 15 cars at lot at 1136 Route 23 on display for retail sales, operating out of existing office building.

The parcel is in the 'Highway Commercial' zone. According to Site Plan Application 'Retail car sales' is a listed permitted use (District-related retail use).

There will be a "small sign" by the road and a sign on the building. Site Plan shows existing sign but does not show new sign. No landscaping – "no trees"

Location/Address: 1136 Rt. 23, Catskill NY 12414

Parcel ID: 156.10-1-25

Type of Referral: Site Plan Review

Referring Agency: Town of Catskill Planning Board

Reason for Referral: NYS Rt 23 ROW

Acreage:

Zoning: Highway Commercial

Agricultural District:

Date of Initial Submittal: 7.1.21

Date Referral Complete: 7.2.21

Recommendation: Local Decision with Comment

This is a local decision however the referral was unclear. The 239 referral form indicated approximately 12 vehicles would be for sale, the site plan application indicated up to 15 vehicles and the drawing submitted with the referral had what appeared to be 14 spaces; however there was no indication if all of those spaces would be used for vehicles that would be 'for sale' or for customer parking.

Concern was expressed about on-site parking for customers and lack of landscape plantings. It was determined however that these were local planning board issues to address, not county issues.

Motion: Approve

Motion: Robert VanValkenburg

Second: Kiley Thompson

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

7. Other Business

- Town of Jewett, Sheepskin Hills Two-lot Minor Subdivision
GCPB does not review subdivisions

Brief discussion about GCPB and subdivision review. It currently is the policy and has been for some time that the GCPB does not review subdivision.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Mitchell Smith

Second: Cynthia LaPierre

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

Next Meeting

August 18, 2021 6:30pm, 411 Main Street Catskill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Schiafo, Secretary